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Sarah Brown, Treasurer
Ohio State Republican Party
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Response Due Date:
June 4, 2004

Identification Number: C00162339

Reference: Amended October Monthly Report (9/01/03-9/30/03), received 12/31/03

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from an organization(s), which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible.

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Hancock Entry

To the extent that your committee has received prohibited funds, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$6,150 for "PRINTING OF FAIR LITERATURE". Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s). However, public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate, rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please amend your report to properly disclose this activity or provide clarifying information.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated.

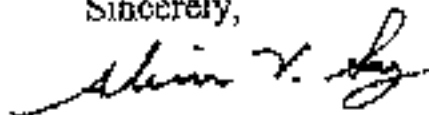
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Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1153.

Sincerely,



Alissa V. Sagri
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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Contributor Name	Date	Amount	
Ashtabula County Republican Party	09/29/03	\$100.00	
Comm. To Elect Niehaus	09/30/03	\$25.00	
Hancock County Republican Party	09/02/03	\$3,039.97	Done 5/04
Sayre For State Representative	09/30/03	\$1,000.00	of
Scioto Co. Republican Party	09/30/03	\$1,230.00	✓ Done 5/04

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Please be advised that I am in receipt of your letter dated May 5, 2004.

1) Schedule A discloses contributions that is not a political committee registered with the Commission.

You sent me a list of 5 committees. Three of those committees did not pass the \$1000 threshold which would require them to register with the FEC and are allowable contributions. A contribution from the Hancock County Republican Party in the amount of \$3039.97 was incorrectly accepted into our Tax Check-Off account and we have corrected the deposit as of May 10, 2004, the money was suppose to have been deposited to our non-federal account and we have corrected that. Scioto County Republican Party crossed the threshold we have spoken to the party and they have asked us to correct the deposit and post it to our non-federal account. That check was done on May 11, 2004. I will send in hard copies of these checks for your records.

2) A disbursement on Schedule B Line 21(b) in the amount of \$6150 for "printing of fair literature". This printing was a slate of all current statewide and federal officeholders only. It did not qualify as federal election activity, it did not clearly promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for federal office.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY
 TAX CHECK-OFF ACCOUNT
 211 S. FIFTH STREET
 COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
 A MULTICANDIDATE COMMITTEE



THE FIFTH THIRD BANK OF COLUMBUS
 COLUMBUS, OHIO

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5/10/2004

PAY TO THE
 ORDER OF

STATE ACCOUNT ACCT#759-21007

\$ **3,039.97

Three Thousand Thirty-Nine and 97/100*****

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Chris M. Welch
Robert J. Brown

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A MULTICANDIDATE COMMITTEE

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THE FIFTH THIRD BANK OF COLUMBUS
COLUMBUS, OHIO

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5/11/2004

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

STATE ACCOUNT ACCT#759-21007

\$ **6,230.00

Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty and 00/100***** DOLLARS

STATE ACCOUNT ACCT#759-21007

Christine M. White
Robert E. Brown Jr.

MEMO

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OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY-FEDERAL PROSPECTING ACCOUNT

STATE ACCOUNT ACCT#759-21007

5/11/2004

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